# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
# LOK SABHA

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FUNCTIONING OF FOREST DEPARTMENT
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed that the High Power Committee for North Eastern Region (NER) should regulate /monitor the functioning of Forest Departments as well as wood based industries in the NER;

(b) if so, whether the said order has been implemented in the respective States of the NER;

(c) if so, the outcome of such regulation / monitoring done by the said committee;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken towards implementation of Hon'ble Court's directive?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The High Power Committee (HPC) had been constituted in pursuant to Supreme Court Orders dated 4.3.1997 to oversee the strict and faithful implementation of the orders of the Court in the North Eastern Region, and for preparation of inventory of all timber in all forms, including timber products, lying in the forests or in transit depots, and lying in mill premises. All the States have reported compliance.

(c) to (e) The outcome of regulation/monitoring done by HPC are −

(i) The State Forest Departments and Corporations are conducting sales of timber or timber products as per the directions of HPC.

(ii) Industrial Estates have been established to relocate HPC cleared wood based industries/units.

(iii) Actions have been initiated to close down the wood working units, not cleared by HPC.